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Re: HQ-2019-01060-F

Dear Mx. Best,

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

- * Documents describing or generated as part of the establishment of any different processing queues for FOIA requests
- * Documents describing the rules and procedures governing any different processing FOIA queues
- * Documents, produced in the previous 15 years, containing reports or statistics describing the FOIA processing queues
- * Documents describing procedures for the handling or coordination of requests from high volume FOIA requesters
- * Documents describing procedures, rules and prerequisites for any exceptions to processing requests in a "first in, first out" process
- * Documents describing procedures and rules for the processing of especially complex or delicate FOIA requests
- * Documents describing procedures and rules for the processing of 'high visibility' FOIA requests, such as those which are likely to elicit reactions from the media or the public
- * Documents describing procedures and rules for the processing of FOIA requests from members of Congress and federal government agencies



* Documents describing procedures and rules for the processing of FOIA requests from non-federal law enforcement agencies

For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(3), as a "news media" requester. Requesters in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost. At this time, it has not been determined if fees will exceed \$15.00, the minimum amount at which DOE assesses fees. For this reason, a determination on the waiver of fees has not been made. If it is determined that fees will exceed \$15.00 your fee waiver request will be addressed at that time.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at (202) 586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1(877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications about the request. If you have any questions about the processing of this request or this correspondence, you may contact Mr. Jeff Crile in this office at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at 202-586-6097.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,



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